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## REMARKS

***Amendment to the Claims***

The applicants greatly appreciate the examiner's helpful comments about allowable subject matter. The claims have been amended to address the examiner's claim objections and 112, first paragraph rejections (see chart below comparing old and new claims)

Claim	Status	Relationship to old claim
1, 2	cancelled	
3	pending	3, 6
4, 5	cancelled	
6	pending	"new" - further limitation of claim 3
7	pending	8
8	pending	7 (now directed to concrete mix)
9	pending	"new" - cement additive has further limitations like in pending claim 6
10	cancelled	
11	pending	similar to old claim 7 but with limitations of pending claim 9
12-16	cancelled	
17	pending	11
18	pending	11 with limitations of pending claim 6

Support for the limitation of claims 6 and 9 can be found in specification, e.g. in col. 4, lines 13-16.

***Claim Objections***

It is believed that the claim amendments address the examiner's objections.

***35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph rejection***

Claims 7, 13 and 17 have been amended to be more clearly directed toward a specific type of claim which is believed to obviate this rejection.

***35 U.S.C. 103 rejection***

The limitation of claim 6 has been inserted into claim 1 as suggested by the examiner which is believed to obviate this rejection. Applicants reserve the right to pursue broader claims in a divisional application.

***Closing***

Applicants also believe that this application is in condition for allowance. However, should any issue(s) of a minor nature remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at telephone number (212) 808-0700 so that the issue(s) might be promptly resolved.

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